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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

My Dear Sir.

I would like to enquire about a family who lived in your community about 40 or 50 years ago. I think it was a section by the name of (Lost Creek) just outside of Terra Haute, The name is Roberts I do not know the given name of Robert but his wife name was Julia Banister, they had a son by the name of Herman, and 2 daughters by the names of Geneva and Teresa - there was several other children who I do not know their names.

They were a part of the Roberts Settlement who history was described in the November Issue of (Ebony Magazine). If you have any information concerning them, I would like very much, if you would send it to me. I am sending you a self addressed envelope for your reply

Yours respectfully

Arnold S. Banister.  
Supt. of Mails Office  
Sefanis Post office.  
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My Dear Sir,

I received your letter and I am very much interested in what you say. I do not remember if I spoke of the Roberts Family of Lost Puck. More than I did of the Banister end of it. It is true that one of my Father's Sister's Julia Banister Roberts, married a John Roberts of Lost Puck Indiana. But I am more concerned in the Banister end of it. Because I am a Banister. My Father George Banister was born in Lafayette Ind. and his father's name was James Banister. He had 5 sons William, Richard, Edward, George and Howard. Also 2 sisters Julia and Laura. James Banister

Wife. I understand was a (Mitilda  
Moran) Banister, and had a Brother  
by the Name of David Moran, and  
Richard Moran, who. I understand  
was a Railroad engineer in Penn.  
Now if you have any records of the  
Banisters or the Morans I will  
gladly send you \$10,00 for the  
record. I am sending you a  
Self Addressed envelope for your  
reply. Yours respectfully

Arnold S. Banister

3808 Page Blvd.

St Louis 113 Mo.

The Morans  
lived in  
State Line Ind.

P.S. I would like to have the names and Addresses  
of any of the Descendence of the Banisters and the  
Morans, if you have them, or if you could  
find out where and who they are. I am trying to  
compile a family Tree.

A.R. Martle

Box 506 - Terre Haute Ind.

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October 29, 1951

Mr. A. C. Bannister  
3808 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis (13) Missouri

Dear Mr. Bannister:

I have quite a bit of information on Free Men of Color who settled Lost Creek Township more than a hundred years ago, and I can give you the answer to the particular question as well as the complete history for \$10.00. I have gone blind and can no longer do my work, and depend entirely on a girl to clear out my records for me.

If you are interested, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

A. R. MARKLE

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April 11, 1952

Mr. A. C. Banister  
3808 Page Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Banister:

We are resuming our research after two years constant work on the history of Hulman & Co., 1850-1950.

During this period our only research in Genealogy has been such as was incidental to the Hulman work.

The John Roberts who married Julia Banister appears to have been a descendant of those Free Men Of Color who came in to Indiana in the early part of the nineteenth century.

I do not have anything else to indicate that the other Banisters in our county were of the colored race, though we have what appeared to be three or more distinct families.

I am sorry for the long delay in taking up your search, but it could not be helped. If you feel that I can possibly help you and still feel it worth ten dollars, I will do my level best for you.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Markle

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